SPLENDOR OF FRENCH HOSPITALITY.TO THE DELEGATES.

Head of American Commission Says
We Have Lattle to Learn From
Older Nations, Although They Surpass Us in Mileage of Good Reads.

Washington, Nov. 28.—Logan Waller
Page, director of the office of public roads of the United States Department of Agriculture, who was named by President Roosevelt as the head of the American commission to the recent International Roads Congress at Paris, returned to Washington a few days ago firm in the belief that in some of the more scientific branches of highway construction the United States has nothing to learn from the older nations, though he was willing to concede that those countries surpass this to an amazing degree in the percentage of improved road mileage and in the jealous care with which their splendid highways are maintained.

It is Mr. Page said that automobile traffic and its effect were very thoroughly discussed and that many brilliant papers were presented, every phase of the question being treated. As it was impossible to arrive at unanimous conclusion the question of the age and automobile traffic in the saw regulating automobile traffic in the case of France and England. Unlike the laws prevailing in nearly every sections of those countries are framed for the purpose of stopping reckless driving, and the officers responsible for their enforcement are not restricted, as are American officials. No speed limit provisions are incorporated in the laws of France or England. If in the judgment of an officer a motor car driver is reckless, even if proceeding at less than eight miles an hour, he is subject to arrest. If, on the other hand, he is proceeding at express speed on a broad thoroughfare free from other traffic, and is not endangering the lives or the property of others, he is well within his rights and may not be interfered with.

It is Mr. Page's belief that from the congress itself at least one big result will flow, and credit for that must go to America. On a suggestion by Mr. Page it was determined to create an International Bureau of Roads, similar in some respects to the International Bureau of two or more delegates from each of the has directed that graduates of the twenty-nine Governments represented at Mounted Service School at Fort Riley, road work, the passing on it by a committee of experts and its distribution throughout the world. The ultimate the Worlds of so far reaching a move cannot be president said: now be estimated, but the world will some day carry a heavy debt of gratitude to the Government whose highway representatives conceived the thought of such a bureau and brought to its support the delegates of every civilized country on the globe.

Credit must go to Mr. Page for the prosauget, the great French highway engineer, who was the originator of the modern French system of road mainte-passed, but there is urgent need that this nance and who began the building of the excellent individual horsemanship should incomparable system of highways that be supplemented by the application of has made France famous as a road building nation. The resolution to that effect was introduced by Mr. Page and unanimously adopted, the secretary-general

Asked what plans France had made for the visitors, Mr. Page said that he had been amazed at the manner in which the Republic had planned for the comfort and the ontertainment of the delegates. Among the functions was an elaborate reception at the Elysée Palace, where the national delegates were received by President Fallières. The sessions of the Concress were held in a vast auditorium at the Sorbonne, the various sections meeting in mooms especially furnished for their comfort and convenience at the Salles du Jeu de Paume in a corner of the beautiful garden of the Tuileries.

Pesides the official reception at Elysée Palace, there was a special theatrical ente tainment given, at which a famous French actress recited a poem specially written for the occasion; a reception at another at the magnificent Hotel de Ville. side excursions to Fontainebleau and Nice. and a function at the beautiful Palace at

This latter function was of especial into est to many Americans because of the lighted. historical associations lingering about the magnificent palace. The lunch eon was served in the superb orange room, and when the delegates, to the number of over 750, had taken seats, the fountains which form the great decorative features of the superb apartments were set playing, a tribute by France to the visitors, for it is only on rare occasions that the water is turned into this chain of basins.

At the reception at the Hotel de Ville the visitors were also treated to scenes of splendor foreign to American ideas of simplicity. A regiment of the picturesquely uniformed Chasseurs of the French army were detailed to stand at attention, one on either end of every step of the grand marble staircase down which the delegates passed, and thence in double rows to the state dining rooms and grand

perfection of the system of roads with which the republic is provided and in the systematic method of maintaining them in the highest degree of efficients.

tion.

"I am a candidate for Speaker," said labor.

"The interview. "That is known. I have nothing to add to what I have already said." them in the highest degree of efficiency. He was told that on the magnificent road leading from Paris to Versailles 5.000 automobiles pass either way on each fine day, but he noted that it was in such perfect condition that it was practically a dustless as the carefully away. cally as dustless as the carefully swept asphalt street of a large city.
No better macadam roads are built in

France than can be and are built in this country, but the maintaining of these roads is attended to with the utmos care, and for that reason the highways are invariably in such splendid condition that they excite the envy of American

Prior to his arrival at Paris Mr. Page spent some days in England in the com-pany of some of the famous highway pany of some of the famous highway engineers of the empire, examining roads throughout England. It is his belief that England has arrived as near to the solution of dustless roads—the present day problem of all highway engineers—as any nation. Her engineers have given the use of bituminous materials for spraying macadam roads the utmost thought and care. Spraying highways with such and care. Spraying highways with such materials, after science has been called to the aid of the highway builder, has a tendency to preserve the solidity of the roads and prevent the formation of dust, and England has made such progress in this branch of road study that many miles of suburban roads are as free-from the disease breeding dust nuisance as the best kept streets of the principal cities

It was a source of great gratification It was a source of great gratification to the American chairman to be frankly told in both France and England that this nation has stepped ahead of both those nations in the testing of materials for building macadam roads. Various experiments conducted by the Office of Public Roads have developed the fact that it is possible in road building to obtain a better bonded surface by mixing rocks, such as limestone, with silicious rocks, such as granite or sandstone. That discovery—embodied in publications sent out through the United States Department of Agriculture—had been adopted by

of Agriculture—had been adopted by some of the British highway engineers, and while in England Mr. Page was driven over a number of stretches of splendid highway built by the blending of such material and was commended by those who built them.

material and was commended by those who built them.

In conjunction with that phase of highway construction Mr. Page was asked if it would be possible for his office to receive about three hundred samples of the characteristic road building rocks of Great Britain and make laboratory tests of them.

was specifically stated in the official avitation sent from France many months ego that the congress at Paris was called for the purpose of discussing the effect of automobile traffic upon public high-ways and, if deemed detrimental, to

THE RECENT ROADS CONGRESS devise means of overcoming the effect.

Asked what conclusion was reached by the congress, Mr. Page said that automobile traffic and its effect were very

EQUITATION IN THE ARMY President Birects Graduates of Mounted

Service School to Teach It. WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.-To spread the branch system of instruction in equita-Navigation. This body will consist of tion in the American army, the President the congress. Its purpose will be the Kan., be assigned to duty in instructing collecting of all possible information on officers of the army in horsemanship.

THE WHITE HOUSE. WASHINGTON, Oct. 26, 1908
MY DEAR MR. SECRETARY: We now have several graduates of Saumur, one of whom is teaching equitation at West Point and another at the Mounted Service School I am glad that the officers who have had the advantage of training in this celebrated French school should be utilized as insystematic instruction in equitation.

School. I think the graduates of that school also should be utilized as instructors. Will likewise the furniture that you can buy being empowered to receive contribu-tions with which to carry out its progive as much instruction in equitation as such Captains as may volunteer? Sincerely THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

> CALLERS AT THE WHITE HOUSE. Charles P. Taft Says He Expects to Be

Chosen Senator From Ohio. WASHINGTON, Nov. 28. - President Roosevelt met many of the Republican bigwigs of the last campaign at the White Charles P. Taft of Cincinnati, brother of commercialism which threatened at individual contributor to the campaign fund. Mr. Taft arrived in Washington this morning from Cincinnati and was the palace of the Minister of Public Works, found that Fred W. Upham, treasurer of the Western branch of the Republican national committee at Chicago, had preceded them. Mr. Upham had to introduce hi mself to Mr. Taft, and the editor-poli- of this particular revolt against commer- destroyed a large lumber and planing mill tician declared that he was more than de-

Upham's hand.
Mr. Taft explained to the newspaper men that he was a candidate for Senator from Ohio to succeed Foraker and added:
"I believe I will win. I know I will

Victor Mason of New Jersey, assistant secretary of the national committee, was another caller at the White House, as was Charles F. Brooker of Connecticut

Calls on the President to Try to Sound

Him on His Attitude Toward Cannon. WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.-Representative Fowler of New Jersey, whose candidacy for Speaker has been announced by himself in a circular letter sent to each of his Gratifying and impressive as were these examples of almost royal hospitality, the chairman of the American candidacy of Speaker Cannon for reelections.

Order to Government Notaries. WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.-President Roosevelt has issued an order forbidding notaries publicly employed by the Government from accepting fees for their services during office hours. The only Federal officeholders exempted are fourth class postmasters and mail carriers.

WILL AID INDEPENDENT ROADS. Minister Limantour Defines Railroad

Policy of Mexican Government. MEXICO CITY, Nov. 28.-José Y. Limantour, Minister of Finance of the Mexican Government, has submitted to Congress statement of the general plans and attitude of the Government for enlarging the existing merger system and at the same time encouraging the building of inde-

pendent lines of railway. He says: In regard to the railways in which the Government is not interested and other fransportation companies that may in future be organized, the Federal Government will not begrudge them its encouragement nor the franchises and rights which the laws sanction. The Government's policy with respect to the acquisition and consolidation of railways in no wise alters its determination of long years standing to encourage the construction of new lines and the expansion of existing ones. Government's policy does not aim at ab-

sorbing all the railways. Subject to the programme which it has been develooing, the executive is preparing to encourage the establishment of routes of communication in all portions of the national territory in so far as its available resources permit. As regards the extension and betterment of the lines constituting the National Railways, it con siders that it has done all that is possible. when organizing the company and devisingthe financial plan, to provide it with the necessary resources as occasion may de-mand. The Government also purposes to conduct thorough studies as to the natura wealth of various regions not as yet served by railway and as to the physical or financial difficulties that would beset the construction of operation of such roads. The order to be followed in their construction will naturally depend on the prospects of traffic for each, as well perhaps as on the pecuniary cooperation offered by the authorities of the different districts and by the cities

and residents chiefly concerned. Mr. Limantour says that the merger system will be operated not only in the interests of the minority stockholders but for the good of the country as well.

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LIGHT ON ARTS AND CRAFTS

ENGLISH ARCHITECT COMES OVER TO ENLIGHTEN US.

Fe're Still Fast in the Grip of Industrialism and Must Re Taught Where to Draw the Line at Which Machinery Must End Its Crushing March.

According to C. R. Ashbee, the English architect, who gave the first of his course structors in our army We have hitherto of lectures on "Things Americans Need to posed erection of a memorial to M. Tre- had no regular system of equitation what- Know" at the Hudson Theatre yesterever: we have many excellent horsemen day morning, the arts and crafts move-who, indeed, in their own line are unsur-ment has three big values besides a whole host of little ones.

Of course every one knows that it is to the arts and crafts movement that we As the French system is now being thor-oughly taught at the Mounted Service the special holiday editions of the "Portuguese Sonnets" and the "Christmas Carol," in sections and glue together at your leisure, and also ever so many different kinds of bracelets and necklaces and possible to Lieutenants and soldiers (espe-things patterned after those found in cially non-commissioned officers) and to Pompeil and on the slopes of the Acropolis and along the banks of the Nile. The addition of these things to the desirable possessions of twentieth century life is of course an obvious and material result of the movement. The other results, however. Mr. Ashbee contends, are even more potent factors in the scheme of modern

civilization. In the first place, he said, the arts and crafts movement was merely the culmina-House to-day. The central figure was tion of a series of revolts against the spirit of the President-elect and the largest one time to control the entire output of objects intended for decorative purposes as well as of those purely utilitarian.

The beginning of the revolt took the accompanied by Arthur I. Vorys. When form of the preraphaelite cult, and this hey arrived at the White House they was followed by what is known as the INCENDIARY FIRE IN DUNKIRK. Gothic revival, which was in turn followed by the Romantic movement. Popular enthusiasm is now rife over the arts and crafts, and one of the special missions "You are a man I have been waiting where machinery must pause in its vandal the buildings were in flames. The proposet," declared Mr. Taft as he grasped like march and let individual manual skill erty, formerly widely known as the Allike march and let individu

come to the front. edge than America of just where and when will and how to draw that particular line or nearly a city block. The firemen if I get votes enough and I believe I have because America is still fast in the clutches were at work till noon and at 4:30 flames of an iron industrialism from which Eng- again broke out in the debris The estiland is slowly escaping. It was not to be mated loss on building, machinery, tools expected that America should escape and lumber is \$40,000, partially covered quite so soon as England, because in the by insurance. Included in the burned first place she hasn't been industrial lumber was the choice wood for the inside FOWLER WANTS TO BE SPEAKER. quite so long and therefore has certain finish of the new \$90,000 Masonic Temple, phases of industrialism yet to experience, and in the second place her industrial system is so much larger and more com-plicated than that of England that it is gale of wind was blowing, but the Dundifficult to reckon on any kind of production outside of its domain.

There is, however, a third result of the movement which Mr. Ashbee is championing which he counts as the greatest This is the effect on the workmen

to bring out his individuality. It makes a man of him instead of an automaton, a free man instead of a slave. When we look at the carvings on the mediæval cathedrals, specimens of Egyptian pottery or Etruscan jewelry, it is impossible to conceive that those who wrought the beautiful and intricate designs were driven to their work. It is equally impossible to believe that they did these things for looking out of a window of her home near the burning buildings have barely escaped with their lives and horses and cows have been burned in their stables. All of the fires show evidence of having been started by one person, but although a reward has been offered by the Common Council and by private citizens the miscream looking out of a window of her home near the burning buildings have barely escaped with their lives and horses and cows have been burned in their stables.

guild of craftsmen who are established in the village of Campden in Gloucester-shire, and both economically and socially the experiment has been accounted a great success. It was under his direc-tion that the masque representing the City of London emerging from the thraldom of the seven demons of commercial-ism was produced in the Guildhall. Mr. Ashbee explained that he did not dare to speak out boldly and call them seven devils, because he was afraid of offending the more puritanical among the audience.

DETECTIVE TURNED THIEF Mrs. Plunkett Had a Reputation Once

Among Department Stores. Mrs. Mamie Plunkett, who, it is said, was the best store detective in the city ten years ago, was arrested yesterday afternoon charged with shoplifting and taken to the Mercer street station, where she had herself landed many prisoners.

She was arraigned in the night court last night before Magistrate Finn and was held in \$300 bail. She said that her only held in \$300 bail. She said that her only child, a boy named George, had been lost in the General Slocum disaster and that since that time she had gone downward. Her friends have often tried to help her, she declared, but lately they have lost track of her completely, and she had come to such straits that she had taken to this form of stealing.

Bocky Comfort's Bank Robbed.

CASSVILLE, Mo., Nov. 28.-The Citiens Bank of Rocky Comfort, Mo., was obbed this morning of \$3,200 after the safe had been blown open by an explosive that destroyed almost all the papers of the bank. A hardware store was robbed of all the weapons and ammunition that could be found. The robbers escaped

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The Large Lumber and Planing Mill. Property of J. A. Taylor, Burned.

DUNKIRK, Nov. 28.-An incendiary fire cialism, Mr. Ashbee explained, is to show to the Philistine outsider the exact place fire was discovered at 2 A. M. several of cott, Ross & Scully Mill, is now owned England, he said, had a subtler knowl- by J. A. Taylor, contractor and builder.

The plant occupied four acres of ground, for which Mr. Taylor is the contractor and was hurrying to completion. The burned district is surrounded by a good gaie of wind was blowing, but the Dun-kirk fire department succeeded in pre-venting the spread of the fire. Large buildings several blocks away caught fire, but watchmen extinguished the flames without serious damage to any of them. Several firemen were injured, but none fatally.

This fire is one of many of incendiary

of the substition of hand labor for machine origin within the last two years at such frequent intervals as to cause great ex-"The bringing of the workman in direct citement and a determination to deal contact with his material serves," he said. On several occasions the occupants of the burning buildings have barely es-caped with their lives and horses and cows have been burned in their stables. All of the fires show evidence of having been started by one person, but although a reward has been offered by the Common Council and by private citizens the misto believe that they did these things for large money rewards. Obviously they were possessed with the joy of self-expression, of creation. It is this spirit that the Arts and Crafts movement is reviving, and it is the development of this spirit that is the great triumph of the whole thing. in a few words, I would say that it stood for the human—the spiritual, the Hellenic influence in modern civilization."

Mr. Ashbee is the head of a cooperative ruild of craftsmen who are established a the village of Campden in the say in the came. She saw a suppeared and he glancing toward her window, put that hand behind him. After he passed she turned to her husband saying:

"We will have another fire," and the related what t

saying:
"We will have another fire," and she
then related what she had seen.
Ten minutes later the mill property
was in flames and she fainted from the
shock of the quick fulfilment of her prophecy. The city will now watch for the pyromaniac. The city will now institute close

PAST SO, SEEKS DIVORCE. Emily Crane Accuses Her Husband, 83, of Canned Fruit Partiality.

GREENFIELD, Ind., Nov. 28 .- A divorce case is being heard in the Hancock Circuit Court in which both parties to the suit are past 80 years old. The plaintiff, Emily are past 80 years old. The plaintiff, Emily Crane, 82, seeks divorce from William Crane, 83, on the grounds of cruel and inhuman treatment and unfaithfulness. She alleges that her husband took other women home from church and gave them canned fruit. The defendant alleges that his wife threatened to poison him, so he left home. his wife three

Golden Jubilee of Holy Cross Academy The Holy Cross Academy in West Forty-second street, conducted by Sisters of Charity, celebrated its golden jubilee yesterday. Hundreds of former pupils attended the exercises, which be gan with solemn high mass in the chapel.
Mgr. McCready was the celebrant. In the
afternoon there was a programme of
music and speeches, Mgr. McCready
making the principal address.

Trains Despatched by Telephone. CHICAGO, Nov. 28 -As a result of the successful experimental despatching of trains by telephone the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad is completing the equipment of a new telephone operating service between Baraboo, Wis., and Winona, Minn. Several districts of the Northwestern are now operated by tele-

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SHOT AFTER STEALING A RIDE. SAID HE'D KILL HIS BROTHER.

John E. Ridley of Brooklyn Sues the New York Central for \$50,000 Damages. UTICA, Nov. 28.-John E. Ridley of

Brooklyn, who was shot and seriously wounded at the New York Central depot brother without regard for consequences in this city on October 27 by Detective landed John Crane, 49 years old, behind George Rundell, has begun an action against the Central railroad company for \$50,000 damages because of the shooting. The initial papers in the suit have been served and the case is set down for refused to do so.

The Uties on January 4, 1999. Ridley declares that when the suit

against the railway company is disposed of he will institute a civil and probably a criminal action against Detective Rundell. He says there will be no compromise in either case and that he will ascertain in the courts if a railroad detective has a right to use his gun at will upon a person who refuses to obey his orders.

Ridley was shot in the thigh by Detective Rundell after he had stolen a ride on a fast Central train from Rochester to this city, in company with three other men who

city, in company with three other men who
had been employed in the apple country
near Rochester. He was on his way to
his home in Brooklyn at the time.

Detective Rundell discovered the men on
the rear platform of the train and ordered the rear platform of the train and ordered them under arrest. The men jumped from the coach and started to run away. Rundell followed them and in the mixup that ensued Ridley was shot and badly wounded. He asserts—and one of his companions who remained with him at the time maintain likewise—ther Rundell

the time maintains likewise—that Rundell shot him because Ridley refused to halt when ordered. The detective, however, says the men attempted to assault him says the men attempted to assault him and that he shot in self-defence.

The Brooklyn man was taken to the General Hospital immediately after the shooting, and so serious was his injury that he was obliged to remain in the hospital until yesterday He left for his home in Brooklyn to-night.

Newark Man Made the Threat in Court and Is Locked Up.

A threat made in the First Crimina Court at Newark that he would kill his Avenue Rooms the bars in that city yesterday. He was remanded to jail in default of \$500 bail to keep the peace. Thomas F. Crane, his brother, was requested to make a formal complaint of threatening against him bus

The police were summoned there early yesterday to stop a disturbance. Policeman Gaynor found John bleeding from a cut on the head. He said his brother had hit him with a smoothing iron. Thomas was also badly bruised up and both men were taken to St. Barnabas's

Hospital.

Several times before reaching the police station John made the remark that he would kill his brother at the first opportunity. He repeated this in court and the tunity. He repeated this in court and the Judge asked if he meant it. Crane sa d he did and would do it just as soon as he got out. The Court thereupon ordered Thomas Crane discharged and held John.

SHOT ON HIS WAY HOME. Young Man Who Had Been Calling on a Girl Found Dying.

BOONVILLE, Ind., Nov. 28.-Harry Lockyear, 20 years old, called on a young woman last night and while returning home after midnight was shot three times home after midnight was shot three times in the abdomen, one bullet passing through his body. He was found lying in his buggy at daylight this morning with a revolver near him that wasn't his. He left the girl whom he was visiting between 11 and 12 o'clock. No one along the road heard pistol shots. Lockyear's clothing was not powder burned and it is believed somebody else did the shooting. The young man is expected to die. SALES, BY AUCTION, Studen

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